The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was  $\underline{not}$  written for publication and is  $\underline{not}$  binding precedent of the Board.

Paper No. 21

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JAMES M. DODD and BRIAN K. LANGENDORF

Appeal No. 2001-2456 Application 09/198,130

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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Before STONER, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, and WILLIAM F. SMITH, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

## PER CURIAM.

On January 29, 2001, applicants filed a Notice of Appeal (Paper No. 17). On January 4, 2002, applicants filed a communication requesting communication requesting abandonment of this appeal in view of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) (Paper No. 20) of the present application.

Application No. 09/198,130

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed January 29, 2001 (Paper No. 17) is <u>dismissed</u>.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

## DISMISSED

BRUCE H. STONER, JR.,	Chief	)	
Administrative Patent	Judge	)	
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Administrative Patent	Judge	)	

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